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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Engel. While I'm on the Exec Board, I'm going to resist the acceptance of any more land by Game and Parks. They cannot maintain what they've got. Why are they going to continue taking land if not to build a fiefdom, when they then come back and hear us...and tell us, we can't maintain it. Well, if you can't maintain what you've got, why do you keep accepting land that is dumped on Game and Parks? That observation was made to me by one of my colleagues who is very, very perspicacious. That's not saying anything bad. And the colleague involved will understand very well what the word means. But it did put me on a new path as a member of the Executive Board. I will resist Game and Parks accepting anything else. And the parks that I went to are not suffering from lack of maintenance because there's not the money. They were in locations where they felt probably not many people are going to go there anyway, so we just let it get overrun. And as for how enjoyable it is at these parks, they have mosquitoes, they have stinging insects, not just bees; they have little creatures that crawl that you may not see anywhere else, and if they get on you, they can deliver an unpleasant interaction; they communicate with you in their own way. Game and Parks should not become an industry which is going to continue to grow through accepting this land, be unable to maintain it, then come to the Legislature and say, make the people who are interested in using the parks pay for bad management decisions. Create what they want to call a crisis, then come in here and say, you have to help us because a crisis is here. But it's of their own doing, their own mismanagement, maybe even greed, maybe a lust for power, to be land barons and baronesses. But in any case, Game and Parks is going to take us to our first cloture vote.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if they win, Game and Parks will be on my list for the rest of the time I'm in the Legislature. Everything they want, I don't care how inconsequential, they're going to have to go to cloture to get it. They need to count up the cost. And if they think I'm shooting blanks, let them test me on this bill. I've said things like this before and I'm never called on it. They fold before they make me deliver. Do you all realize there are other bills I don't like that are